ICHIGO TAKANO

CHAPTER 2

EVEN THOUGH SHE'S YOUNGER THAN ME...
YEESH...
GET ON YOUR KNEES!
IDIOT!
WIMP!
ALWAYS CALLING ME NAMES...
WHAT IS IT WITH THAT PIERCING GAZE?
BUT...
...IN THAT PHOTO...
...WITH THAT SMILE, SHE'S REALLY CUTE.
So-chan
YOU'D BETTER NOT BE IN LOVE WITH HER.

WELL, DUH, OF COURSE I'M GONNA FALL IN LOVE WITH HER.
EVEN IF I DON'T REMEMBER IT, SHE'S MY GIRLFRIEND.
IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE GOD?
HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?
That I'm a total masochist...
YOU MUST BE A TOTAL MASOCHIST.
IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE.
I don't have to be God to see.
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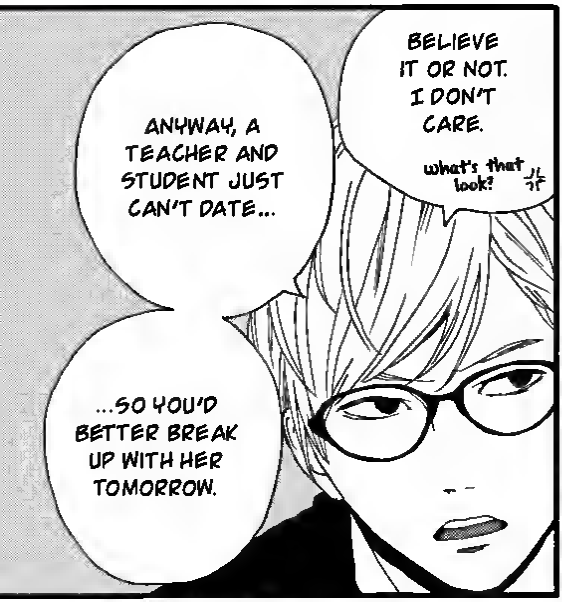
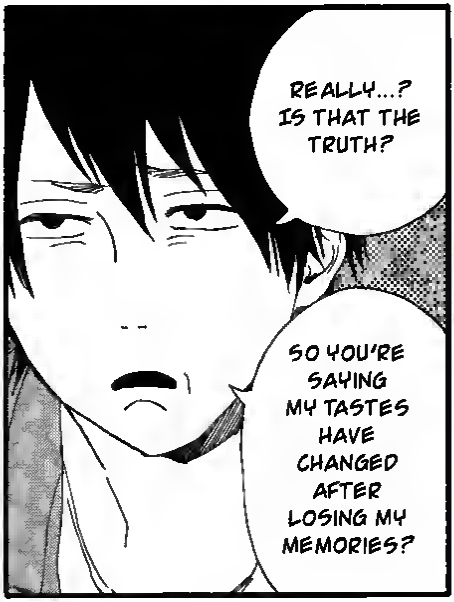
WHAT IS?
...
THAT'S STRANGE.
HUH?
I'M PRETTY SURE YOU DIDN'T LOVE HER BEFORE

SHE WAS IN LOVE WITH YOU...
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
...AND YOU FINALLY GAVE IN TO HER DEMANDS TO START DATING.
IF YOU'RE RIGHT, WHY AM I GOING OUT WITH HER?


BELIEVE IT OR NOT. I DON'T CARE.
what's that look?
ANYWAY, A TEACHER AND STUDENT JUST CAN'T DATE...
...SO YOU'D BETTER BREAK UP WITH HER TOMORROW.



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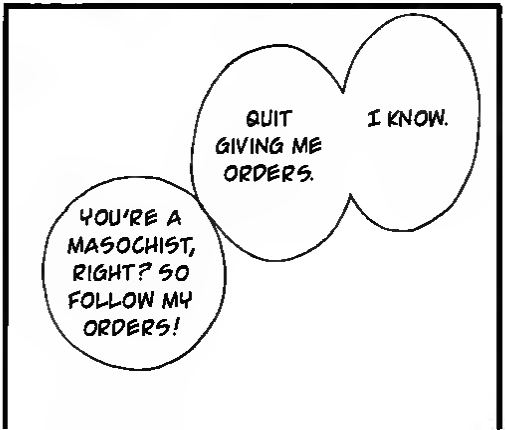
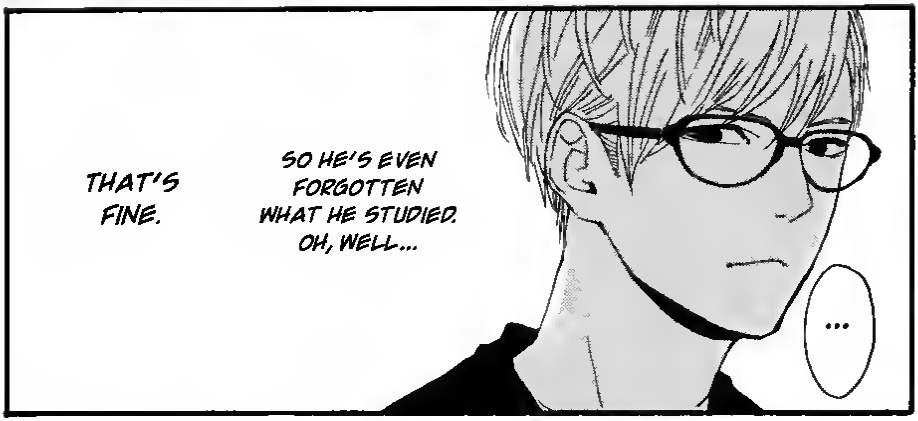


I'VE GOTTA REDEEM MYSELF TODAY.
I DON'T WANNA EMBARRASS MYSELF ANY MORE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
STUDYING FOR TOMORROW'S CLASS


THAT'S FINE.
SO HE'S EVEN FORGOTTEN WHAT HE STUDIED. OH, WELL...
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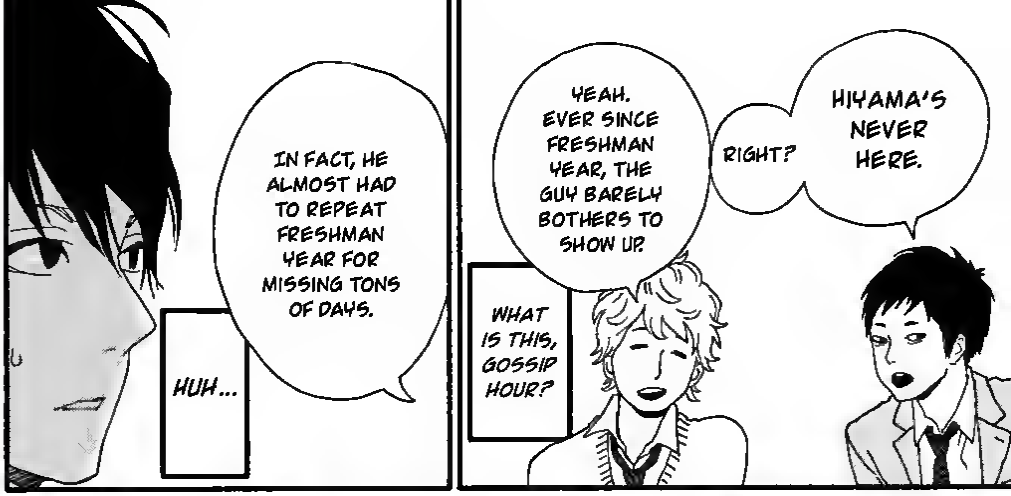
IF I STAY INVOLVED WITH EVERYTHING I'VE GOT A CONNECTION TO, EVENTUALLY...
MAYBE SOMETHING WILL ACT AS A TRIGGER, AND IT'LL ALL COME BACK.
I JUST HAVE TO REMEMBER.

I DIDN'T REMEMBER A SINGLE THING.
BUT AT LEAST...
...I'M PREPARED FOR CLASS TOMORROW.
PERFECT.
YAWN
MM?
I GOTTA GET TO SLEEP.
ACK!
THAT TIME ALREADY?
ZZZZ
THIS GUY...
ZZ

I'VE HAD IT UP TO HERE WITH YOU!
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE A GOD OR WHAT, BUT GO BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA HANG AROUND ME?
GET YOUR REAR IN GEAR!!
FWISH
I'M WITH YOU 24/7.
THAT MEANS YOUR HOUSE IS MY HOUSE. LIVE WITH IT!
FORGET IT! GET OUT!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
DON'T TAKE OFF YOUR GLASSES AND SETTLE IN FOR A SNOOZE!
Don't turn off the light!
GIMME BACK MY BED!
Z
Z
Z
GONG

CHATTER CHATTER
ガチガチ
ROLL CALL.
ARAI.
YO.
ANDO.
YEP.
THE STUDENT RESPONSES ARE A LITTLE FLIP.
THUMP
ドキ
DAMMIT. STOP BEING SO NERVOUS.
ARISAKI.
YUP YUP.
HIYAMA.
HERE.
HINATA.
EATING DURING CLASS?
MUNCH MUNCH
MM.
HAYASHI.
DOES ANYONE KNOW WHY HIYAMA'S NOT HERE?
WHY WOULD HE BE ABSENT ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES?
YUTA HIYAMA
樋山 裕太
RUMI MIZUNO
水野 瑠美
ABSENT, HUH?
HIYAMA...
...
HM?


IN FACT, HE ALMOST HAD TO REPEAT FRESHMAN YEAR FOR MISSING TONS OF DAYS.
HUH...
YEAH. EVER SINCE FRESHMAN YEAR, THE GUY BARELY BOTHERS TO SHOW UP.
HIYAMA'S NEVER HERE.
RIGHT?
WHAT IS THIS, GOSSIP HOUR?

SENSEI, PLEASE BRING HIYAMA-KUN TO SCHOOL.
MIZUNO.
Present.
OH, WELL. I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
He's probably a delinquent.

IF YOU DON'T, HIYAMA-KUN WILL DEFINITELY HAVE TO REPEAT THIS YEAR.
Poor guy!
SHUT UP, KID! WHAT THE HELL DO I CARE?
HUH?!
WAIT, THAT'S THE KID WHO TOOK A SHOT AT ME YESTERDAY.
YOU SPOKE SO SOFTLY THAT IT WAS HARD TO PICK UP.
WHAT DOES HE WANT?
HUH?

I'VE GOT ENOUGH PROBLEMS OF MY OWN.
I NEED TO GET MY MEMORIES BACK.
AND YOU'D BETTER GET THAT BROWN HAIR DYED BACK TO BLACK.
ARISAKI.
OUR LAST HOMEROOM TEACHER AND HEAD TEACHER COULDN'T GET HIM TO COME TO SCHOOL, EITHER.
OH...
THEN I GUESS OUR NEW TEACHER DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE!
SHE WON'T EVEN LOOK AT ME.
THE KID'S RIGHT.
I DON'T STAND A CHANCE.
...
TOYO-CHAN...
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BRING HIM.

...YOU WEASELY COWARD.
BRING HIYAMA TO SCHOOL...
EXCUSE ME?
IS EVERYBODY AROUND ME A SADIST?!
DIDN'T YOU AGREE TO DO WHATEVER I SAID?
And "coward"? That's really nice!!
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO GET INVOLVED?
FORGET IT! YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG GUY!
I can't do it!
THAT WAS ONLY IF YOU TAUGHT ME HOW TO RIDE A BIKE!
RIGHT NOW, I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL WITH STUDYING.
UNLESS YOU CAN TELL ME IT'S TIED IN WITH GETTING MY MEMORIES BACK?

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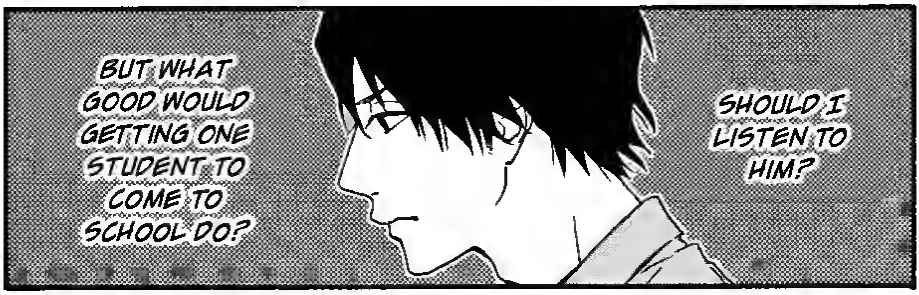
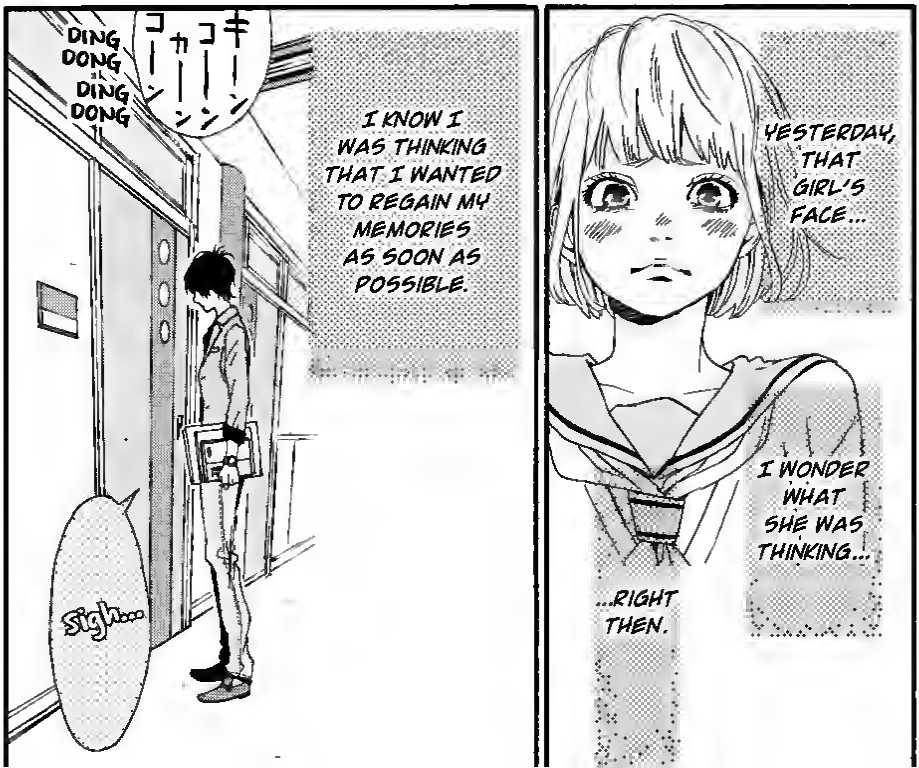
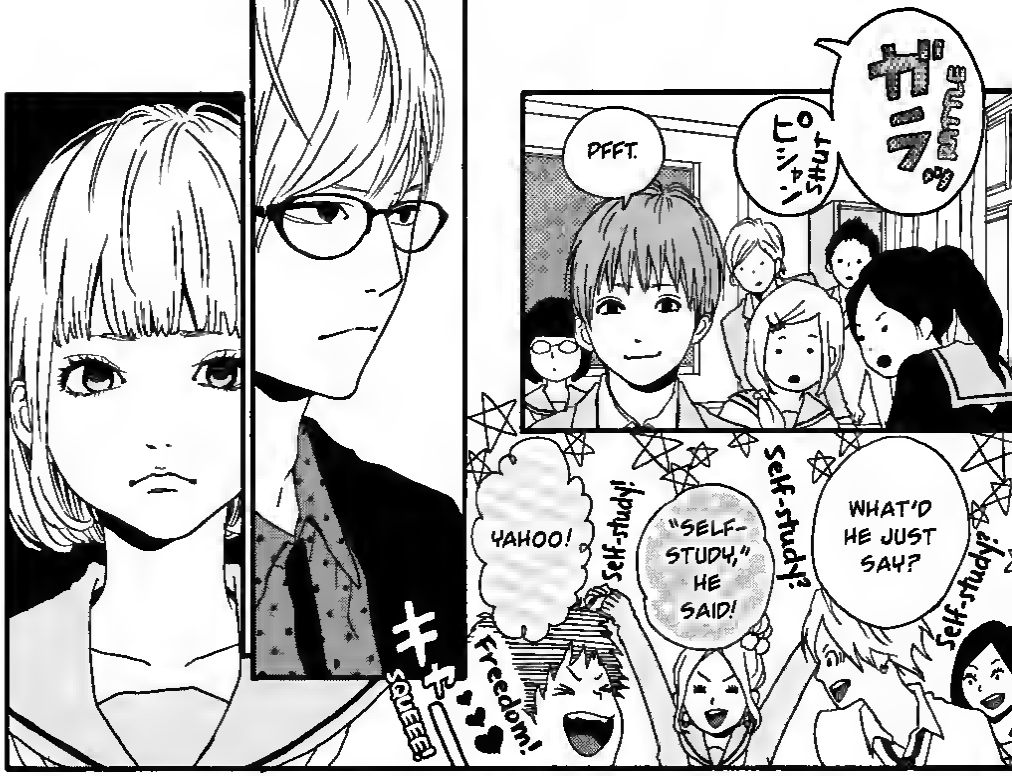
WELL, I'M FOCUSING ON ONLY ONE THING NOW, AND THAT'S GETTING THE MEMORIES BACK!
NO...


BUT WHAT GOOD WOULD GETTING ONE STUDENT TO COME TO SCHOOL DO?
SHOULD I LISTEN TO HIM?


DING DONG DING DONG
キーン コーン カーン コーン
I KNOW I WAS THINKING THAT I WANTED TO REGAIN MY MEMORIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
Sigh...
YESTERDAY, THAT GIRL'S FACE...
I WONDER WHAT SHE WAS THINKING...
...RIGHT THEN.

I BOTCHED HOMEROOM YESTERDAY...
...BUT CLASS WILL BE FINE TODAY.
ガラ RATTLE
LOOK AT ME, STUDENTS!
LOOK AT ME, TOYO-CHAN!
Lemme borrow your 3DS.
I'm gonna stop at the arcade on the way home.
Ha ha ha!
He's scary hot! Whew!
Squee!
I didn't take a bath yesterday.
Then dive in the pool!
Ha ha ha ha ha
CHATTER
THEY'RE NOT QUIETING DOWN?
HUH?
Ha ha ha!
CLASS IS STARTING.
NOBODY'S LISTENING.
BUZZ
IN FACT...
...NO ONE IS EVEN LOOKING AT ME.
Ha ha ha!
What is that? Lemme see!
That's great!
Now it's your turn.
My false eyelashes came off.
What a riot!

HAHAHAHA
UM...
I'M SUPPOSED TO SCOLD THEM AT A TIME LIKE THIS, RIGHT? BUT...
WHAT THE HELL? WHAT SHOULD I DO?
HAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHA
CHATTER
CHATTER
OPEN YOUR BOOKS TO PAGE 4.
JINGLE
JINGLE
TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE, YOU DOLT.
HELLO?
DON'T ANSWER IT!!
I'M SORRY.
...
TOYO-CHAN...
...I JUST CAN'T DO IT.
I JUST CAN'T DO THIS.
TODAY WILL BE SELF-STUDY...
AND TO MY PRE-AMNESIAC SELF TOO I'M SORRY
CHATTER
CHATTER


ガラガラ
ピシャン
PFFT.
WHAT'D HE JUST SAY?
"SELF-STUDY," HE SAID!
YAHOO!
Self-study?
Self-study!
Self-study!
Freedom!
キャー
SQUEEE!

YOU WIMP.

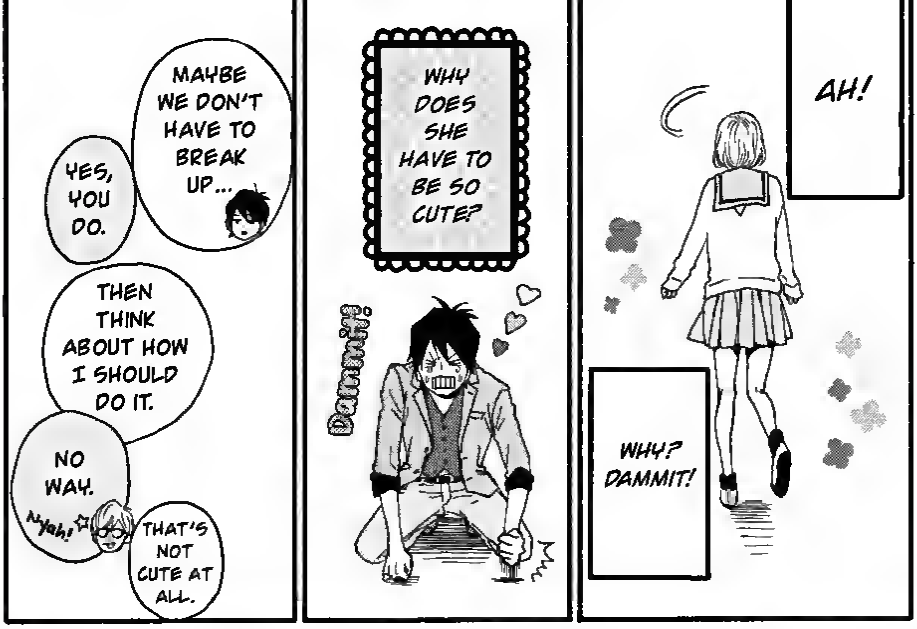
SO THIS IS GOING TO BE A REPEAT OF YESTERDAY?
GET RIGHT BACK IN THERE AND RESTART CLASS!
LOOK...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE WITH THEM LIKE THAT.
PLEASE GET OUT OF THE WAY.
I'M NOT MOVING. I'M NOT LETTING ANY COWARD ESCAPE.
PLEASE LET MY WRETCHED BUTT GO HOME.
I CAN'T DO THAT!
IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CHEW THEM OUT, AND THEY'LL QUIET DOWN.
...
SOMEHOW I KNOW. REPRIMANDING THEM WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT.
I JUST KNOW IT.

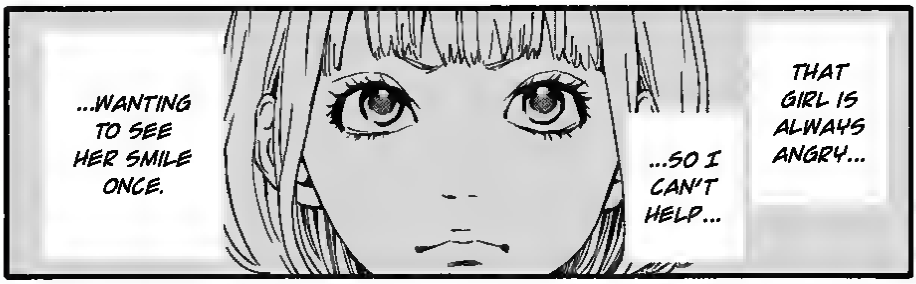
NO MATTER WHAT I SAY, THEY'LL MAKE FUN OF ME. AND I JUST CAN'T DEAL WITH...
DO YOU REMEMBER?
REMEMBER?
OH!
REMEMBER...
...WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL.
CHATTER
CHATTER

"HEY, QUIET DOWN."
"THIS IS CLASS TIME."
"WHAT? SHUT UP! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?"
"JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE THE STUDENT COUNCIL PREZ?"
CHATTER CHATTER
HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!
"YOU SHUT YOUR MOUTH, TEACHER'S PET!"
HA HA HA
"SHUT THE HELL UP...
...NATSUME!"
WHAT IS THIS MEMORY?
KANADE NATSUME!

YOU'RE A WIMP!
TOYO-CHAN!
...
YOU'RE NO TEACHER!
#MPH フン
I'M SORRY.
I...

...HOW PATHETIC I AM.
YOU SEE...
LET'S BREAK UP ALREADY.
NO WAY.
NYAA 7.0


MAYBE WE DON'T HAVE TO BREAK UP...
YES, YOU DO.
THEN THINK ABOUT HOW I SHOULD DO IT.
NO WAY.
Nyah!☆
THAT'S NOT CUTE AT ALL.
WHY DOES SHE HAVE TO BE SO CUTE?
Dammit!
AH!
WHY? DAMMIT!


...WANTING TO SEE HER SMILE ONCE.
...SO I CAN'T HELP...
THAT GIRL IS ALWAYS ANGRY...

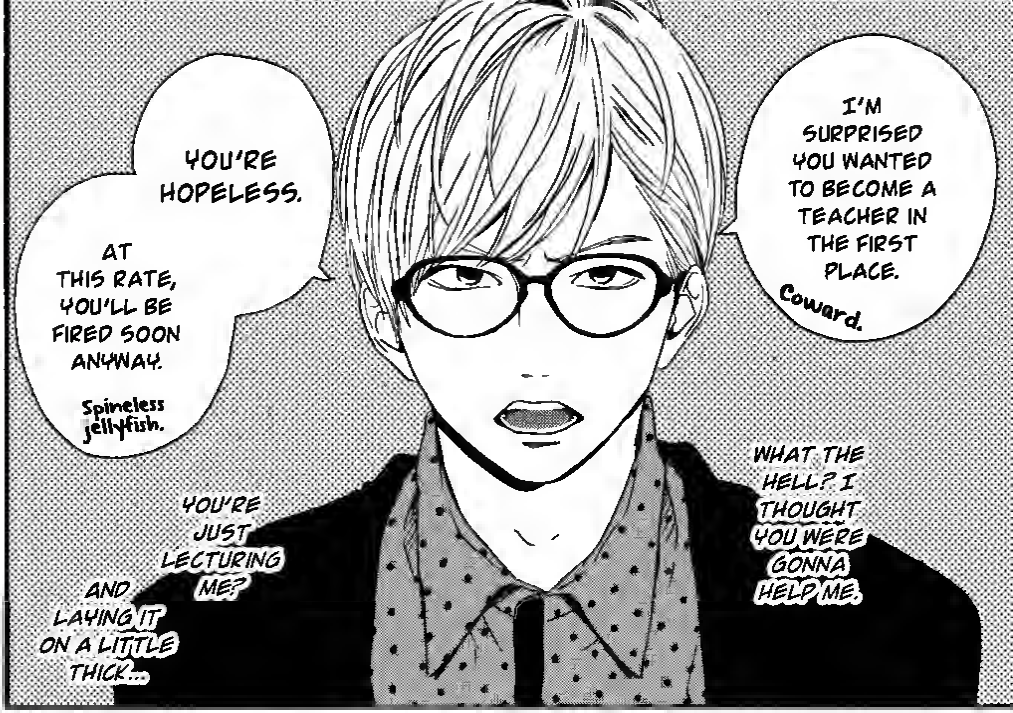
...YOU MADE ALL OF TODAY'S CLASSES SELF-STUDY SESSIONS, YOU COWARD.
SO IN THE END...
キーン コーン カーン コーン
DING DONG DING DONG
...
IN A TOTALLY BACKWARDS WAY.
IN A CERTAIN WAY, IT'S IMPRESSIVE.

...SO PLEASE MOVE OUT OF THE WAY.
I'VE GOT HOMEROOM THIS AFTERNOON...
THAT'S RIGHT. THIS TIME, ACTUALLY DO YOUR JOB.
I WILL.
ガヤガヤ
ha ha ha!
Hilarious!
2-D
担任 夏芽 奏
That's a riot!
(TEACHER KANADE NATSUME)
Raaah!
A bird flew in!
ha ha ha!
WHAT? THEY'RE EVEN LOUDER THAN BEFORE.
what a riot!
ガヤガヤ
ha ha ha!
AS EXPECTED, NO ONE'S LOOKING AT ME.
Oh, man, this boss is tough!
Hey, let me borrow your mascara!
Your mask!
Let me go next!
Raah! A fly came in!
Close the damn window!
ha ha ha!
SHAKE
SHAKE
CHATTER
CHATTER
FIRST, GET THEM TO SHUT UP.
OKAY.
ha ha ha ha!
LET'S START HOMEROOM.
BUZZ
BUZZ
ガヤガヤ
ha ha ha!

NOT ONE OF THESE STUDENTS HAS ANY RESPECT FOR ME.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
YOU AGAIN!
SHUT UP!
Pip-squeak!
CHATTER CHATTER
SENSEI...
ARE WE HAVING ANOTHER SELF-STUDY?
OR CAN WE GO HOME EARLY?

ARE YOU GONNA HELP ME?
WHAT?
PAT
PAT

HUH?
YOU'RE A WIMP.
TUG


I'M SURPRISED YOU WANTED TO BECOME A TEACHER IN THE FIRST PLACE.
Coward.
YOU'RE HOPELESS.
AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL BE FIRED SOON ANYWAY.
Spineless jellyfish.
WHAT THE HELL? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA HELP ME.
YOU'RE JUST LECTURING ME?
AND LAYING IT ON A LITTLE THICK...

YOU CAN'T EVEN BREAK UP WITH THAT GIRL.
WHATEVER. GETTING YOUR MEMORIES BACK WON'T MEAN A THING.
CHATTER
CHATTER
ha ha ha!
JUST TELL ME ONE THING THAT YOU ACTUALLY CAN DO!
ha ha ha!

IF YOU CAN'T EVEN HANDLE THESE BRATS...
...YOU'LL HAVE A REAL HARD TIME, EVEN IF YOUR MEMORIES DO COME BACK.
ha ha!
ha ha ha!
ha ha!

SHUT THE HELL UP!!
SILENCE
しん…
RATTLE
ガラ
CREAK
RATTLE
ガラ
RATTLE
ガラ

HUH?
THEY'RE SUDDENLY QUIET.
BECAUSE I YELLED?
THIS ACTUALLY FEELS PRETTY GOOD.
ANYWAY, TOMORROW, WE'RE GONNA HAVE REAL CLASSES.
DEFINITELY.
DID HE RIDE ME LIKE THAT ON PURPOSE?
AND I'D LIKE ALL OF US TO BE TOGETHER FOR CLASS...
...SO I'LL MAKE SURE HIYAMA COMES TO SCHOOL TOMORROW.

OKAY, THAT'S IT FOR HOME-ROOM!
GOODBYE!
RATTLE
ガラ
SHUT
ピシャ
WHISPER
ヒソヒソ
WHISPER
ヒソヒソ
HEH.
WHAT A CHARACTER.
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GLANCE
キョロ
GLANCE
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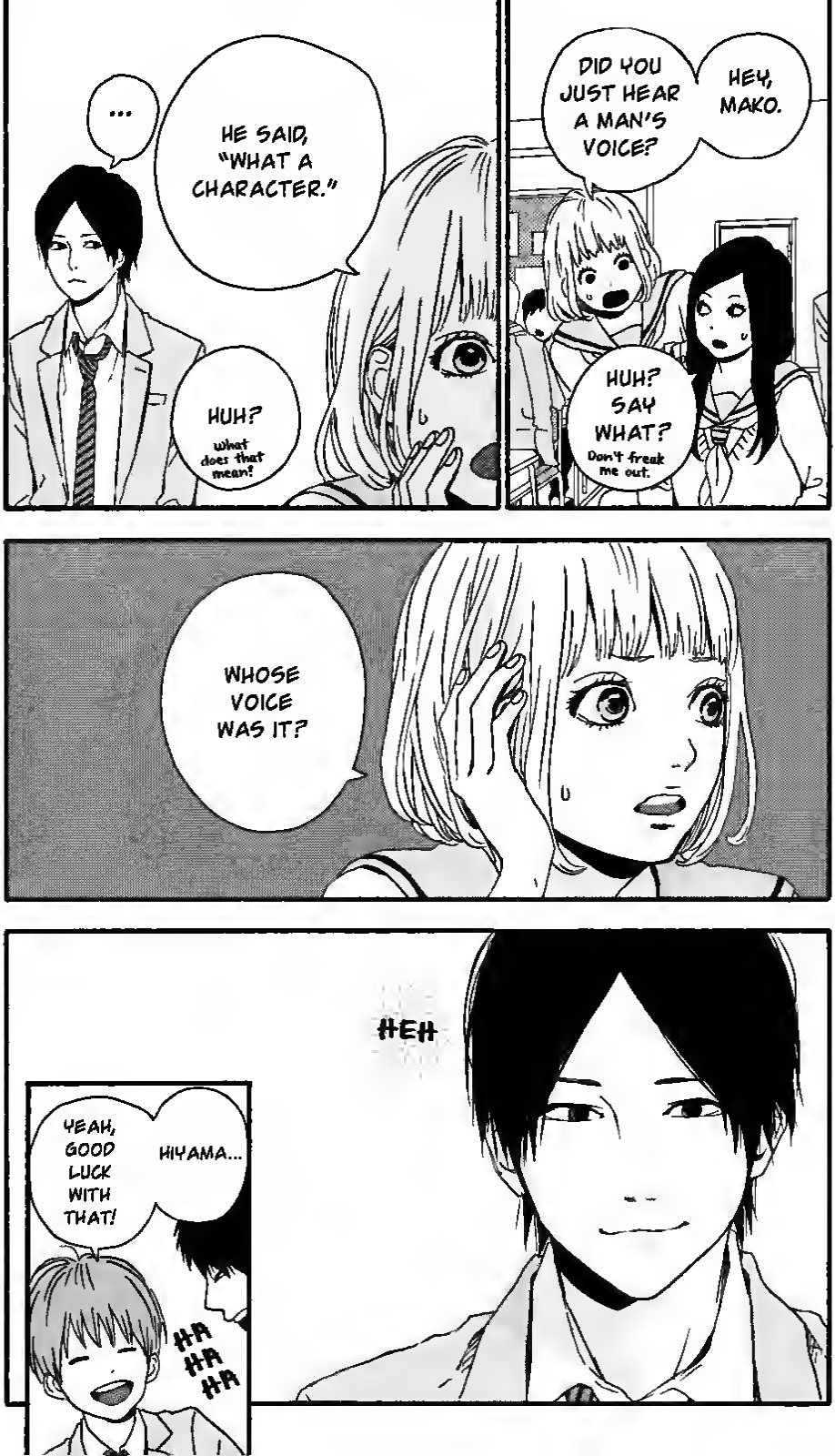
...
HE SAID, "WHAT A CHARACTER."
HUH? what does that mean!
DID YOU JUST HEAR A MAN'S VOICE?
HEY, MAKO.
HUH? SAY WHAT? Don't freak me out.
WHOSE VOICE WAS IT?
#EH
YEAH, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT!
HIYAMA...
#A #A #A

AH... WHY DID I OPEN MY BIG MOUTH?
キーンコーンカーン
DING DONG
DING DONG
See ya!
Bye bye!
HM?
THAT GIRL'S IN MY CLASS...
BYE!
BYE...
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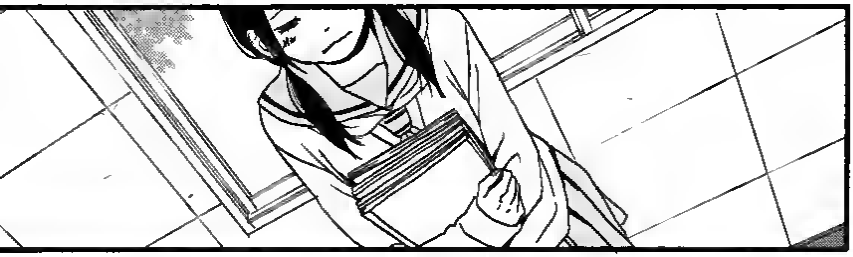
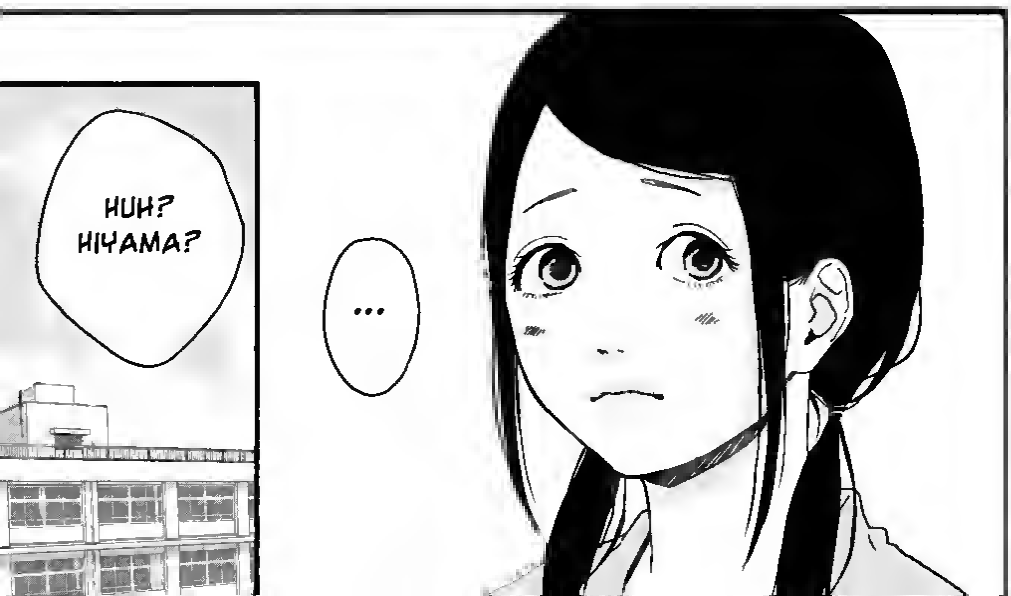
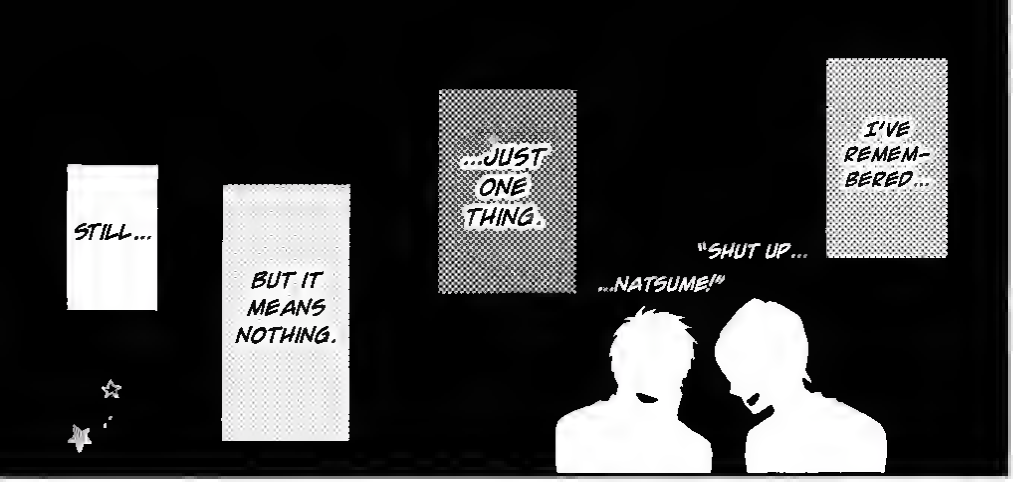
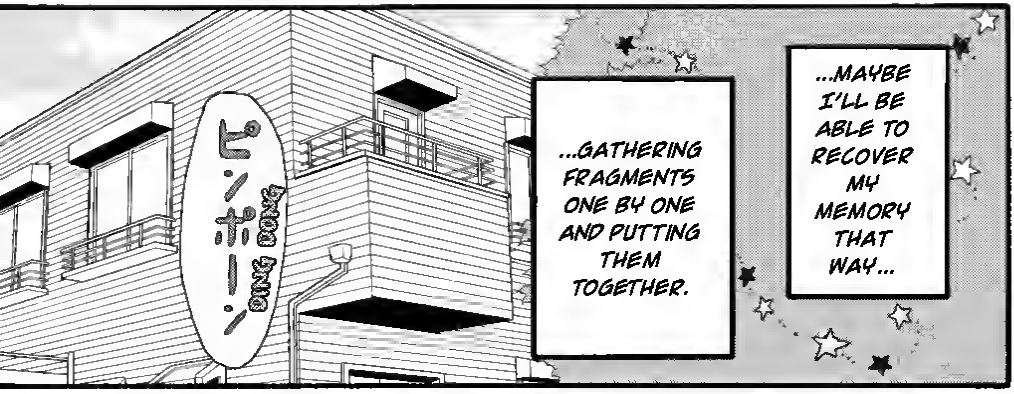



HUH? HIYAMA?
...

Don't mess with the head teacher's hair!
YOU SHUT UP!
I KNOW, RIGHT? BECAUSE HE'S A COWARD!
RUFFLE RUFFLE
ALTHOUGH I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO HARM IN YOU LEARNING THE HARD WAY, BY MEETING HIYAMA.
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT YUTA HIYAMA, RIGHT?
HA HA HA
THERE'S NO WAY! NOT FOR YOU, NATSUME-SENSEI!
WANT ME TO GIVE YOU HIS ADDRESS? YOU DON'T HAVE IT, RIGHT?
I DON'T. PLEASE TELL ME.
MY HEAD'S ITCHY. AM I LOSING HAIR?
KNOCK IT OFF!
Don't pull his hair!
SHE'S CUTE.
WHAT? ARE YOU IN LOVE?
DON'T BE AN IDIOT. YOU THINK GOD IS THAT STUPID?
SO YOU ARE IN LOVE...
GOOD LUCK, SENSEI.


I'VE REMEMBERED...
...JUST ONE THING.
"SHUT UP... ...NATSUME!"
BUT IT MEANS NOTHING.
STILL...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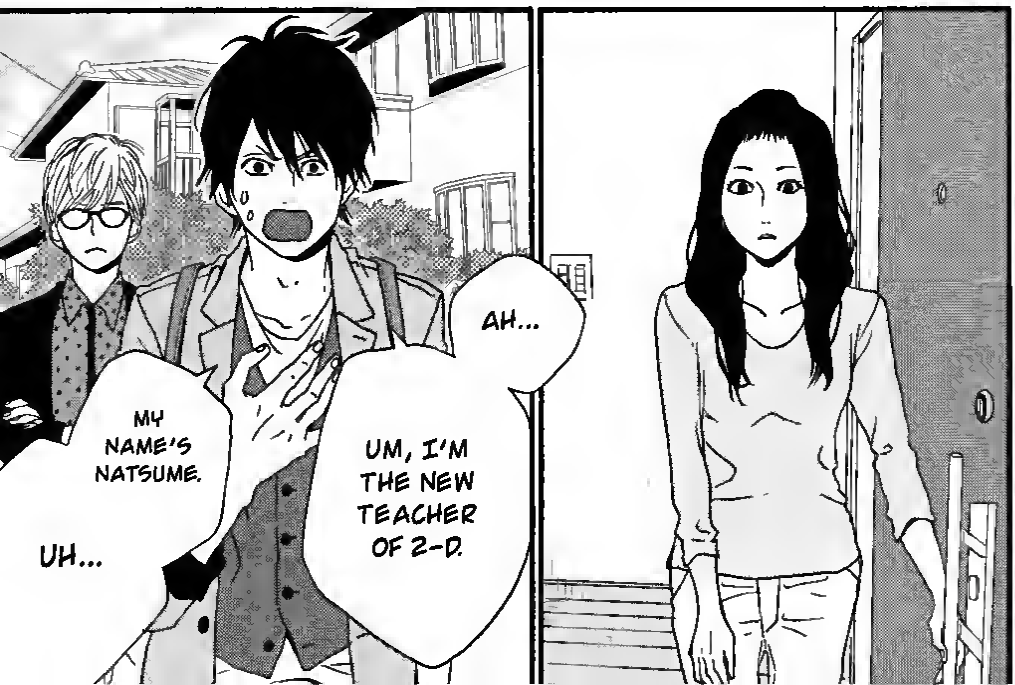
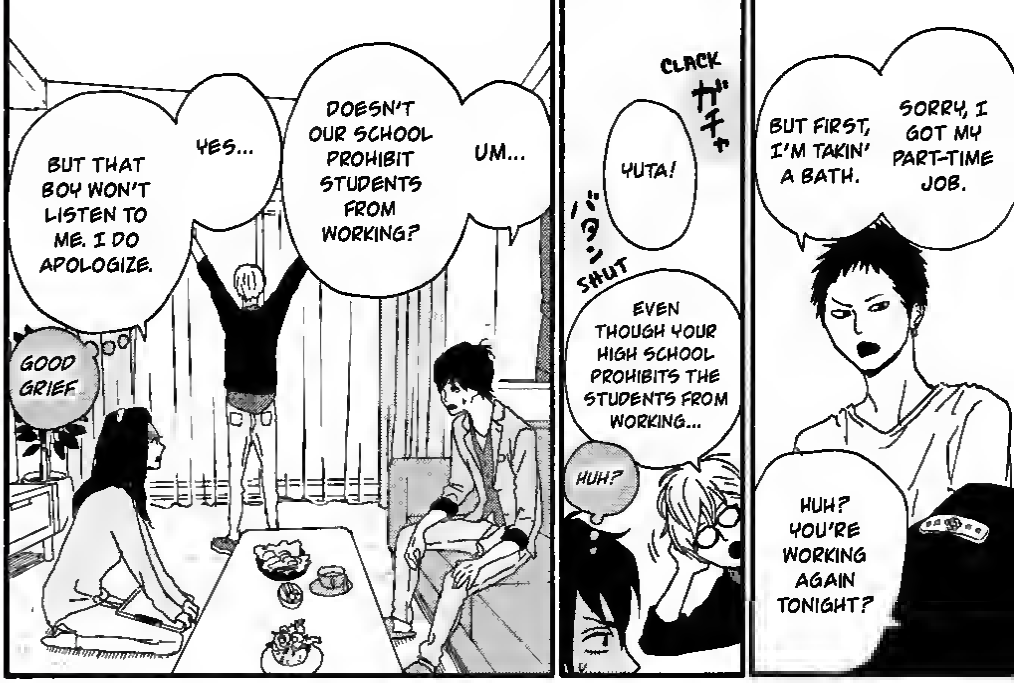
ding dong
...GATHERING FRAGMENTS ONE BY ONE AND PUTTING THEM TOGETHER.
...MAYBE I'LL BE ABLE TO RECOVER MY MEMORY THAT WAY...


AH...
UM, I'M THE NEW TEACHER OF 2-D.
MY NAME'S NATSUME.
UH...

THUMP
ヒタ
THUMP
ヒタ
THUMP
ヒタ
THUMP
ヒタ
YU-CHAN...
YOUR TEACHER'S HERE.
ガチャ CLICK
SCHOOL?
I AIN'T GOIN'.

He's got a scary face! He's a delinquent!
I CAN'T! I CAN'T! I CAN'T!
He's a giant!!
TALK TO YOUR STUDENT!
YES, YOU CAN. AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO SAID "DEFINITELY"?
WELL, THEN I'LL BE ON MY WAY.
NOT SO FAST.
I... I SEE.
THAT'S IRRELEVANT HERE.
I DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORIES...!
PLEASE.
SENSEI...
PLEASE COME IN AND HAVE A CUP OF TEA.
HEY!
AH! YOU DON'T NEED TO BOTHER!
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH, BUT PLEASE, HAVE SOME.


GOOD GRIEF.
BUT THAT BOY WON'T LISTEN TO ME. I DO APOLOGIZE.
YES...
DOESN'T OUR SCHOOL PROHIBIT STUDENTS FROM WORKING?
UM...
CLACK
ガチャ
YUTA!
SHUT
ピシャ
EVEN THOUGH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL PROHIBITS THE STUDENTS FROM WORKING...
HUH?
BUT FIRST, I'M TAKIN' A BATH.
SORRY, I GOT MY PART-TIME JOB.
HUH? YOU'RE WORKING AGAIN TONIGHT?

HE WORKS IN THE AFTERNOON...
...AND ONLY JUST GOT HOME BEFORE YOU ARRIVED.
WHAT? WHY?
SENSEI!
YES?
PLEASE...
...DO SOMETHING TO GET HIM TO GO TO SCHOOL.

ACTUALLY...
...
ガチャ CLICK
WELL, I GOTTA GET TO WORK.
AH!
W-WAIT!

TOMORROW...
...NO MATTER WHAT, JUST COME TO SCHOOL.
CAN'T. GOTTA WORK.

TELL THEM YOU CAN'T WORK AND GO TO SCHOOL! PLEASE!
Working isn't allowed, anyhow.
LOOK, MAN, I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY. I AIN'T GONNA LISTEN.
FINE, THEN JUST COME FOR TOMOR-ROW!
I CAN'T.
OH, COME ON...
ALL RIGHT, THEN MAYBE I'LL SAY IT... I'LL JUST COME OUT AND SAY IT...

TRUTH IS...
...THERE'S A GIRL WHO REALLY LIKES YOU, AND SHE'S BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
I MEAN IT.
ALL THIS TIME...
I THOUGHT IT WAS FINE. IF IT WERE ME, I'D BE CURIOUS ENOUGH TO GO TO SCHOOL.
WHAT WAS THAT GRADE SCHOOL-LEVEL LIE?
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU DON'T KNOW!
IF IT HAD BEEN TRUE, YOU NEVER WOULD'VE SAID, "I MEAN IT."
You oversold it.
CAW
CAW
I DON'T KNOW...
SEE YOU LATER.

SHAAA
OF COURSE NOT.
DO YOU THINK HIYAMA WILL COME TOMORROW?
THERE'S NO WAY HE BOUGHT IT.
LIKE THEY SAY, "THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS."
WHO IS IT THAT LIKES ME?

I'M DYING TO FIND OUT NOW.

I WONDER WHAT MY OWN FAMILY IS LIKE.

...THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE MET A MOTHER.

SINCE LOSING MY MEMORIES...

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